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### **Senate President Appoints Mayor Marcia Leclerc to Special Education Funding Working Group**

(March 23, 2016) **East Hartford, CT** – Senate President *Pro Tem*. Martin Looney has appointed Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc to serve on the Regional Educational Service Center Special Education Funding Working Group. This working group will study and recommend ways that regional educational service centers (RESCs) can provide special education services regionally in order to lower costs to towns and cities.

Mayor Leclerc is the only municipal chief executive appointed to the working group. She will serve with representatives of state government, each of the regional RESCs, education officials from around the state, and members of the General Assembly. The working group will identify ways that Connecticut towns and cities can work together to reduce the high cost of special education by sharing services, finding efficiencies on a regional basis, and coordinating use of special education funds.

“I am honored to be appointed to this working group,” said Mayor Leclerc. “Special education services are vital to ensure all students have a chance to succeed, and it is important that we make sure we provide these services in a cost effective manner. I thank Sen. Looney for appointing me to this important working group.”

Founded over 30 years ago, Connecticut’s six RESCs were created to help regional boards of education coordinate education services and collaborate on joint projects. Today, RESCs fulfill their core mission of improving communication and collaboration as well as providing essential special services, including early childhood, adult, and special education, to their members. Each RESC is governed by member boards of education. East Hartford belongs to the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC); it was founded in 1966.

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